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In re application of:

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For MICROPROCESSOR DESIGN

SUPPORT FOR COMPUTER SYSTEM AND PLATFORM

VALIDATION

Examiner: J.D. Manosky

Art Unit: 2113

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, kindly amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 7.